

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace line 3-5 of page 1 of the Specification with the following amended version thereof.

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The present invention is related to co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/557,480 titled, *Method for High Speed Packet Classification*, which was filed on April 24, 2000, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,970,462.

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